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Note verbale dated 16 May 2017 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and has the honour to refer to the request contained in paragraph 36 of Security Council resolution 2321 (2016).

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Mexico has the honour to transmit herewith the corresponding national implementation report of Mexico (see annex).

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Report of Mexico regarding the implementation of Security Council resolution 2321 (2016)

In Mexico, the international disarmament, terrorism and security activities of the federal executive branch are coordinated by the High-level Special Committee on International Disarmament, Terrorism and Security, an auxiliary body of the National Security Council. The Committee's mandate is to prevent and detect the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the financing of terrorist acts carried out with such weapons, and also to strengthen Mexican legislation, through its various groups, known as standing operational groups (comprising the relevant national authorities).

In order to implement Security Council resolution 2321 (2016) on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea effectively and adequately, and after informing all the relevant national authorities (Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, National Immigration Institute, Office of the Attorney-General, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of National Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs) of its provisions, the Government of Mexico has taken the following steps:

The Financial Intelligence Unit of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit reported that inclusion on the lists established by the Security Council is one of the parameters for inclusion in the list of persons blocked by the Financial Intelligence Unit. Financial institutions have an obligation to immediately suspend acts, transactions or services with customers or users reported to them by the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit through a blocked persons list, which is confidential. The purpose of the blocked persons list is to prevent and detect acts, omissions or transactions involving resources that could be used for the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Once the Financial Intelligence Unit notifies financial institutions of this list, these institutions have the obligation to adopt and implement measures to identify customers and users included in the list, as well as any third parties acting in their name or on their behalf, in order to immediately suspend any acts, transactions or services with them. Once institutions have identified among their clients or users an individual or entity included in the blocked persons list, they must take the following steps:

- Immediately suspend any act, transaction or service linked to the customer or user included in the list.
- Transmit to the Financial Intelligence Unit, within 24 hours following the detection of such transactions, an unusual transaction report with the designation "blocked persons list" included in the description column.

The Financial Intelligence Unit also informed financial institutions of the provisions of resolution 2321 (2016), to enable them to strengthen their customer and user due diligence requirements and, where necessary, immediately suspend any act, transaction or service linked to persons and entities on the Security Council sanctions lists.

Lastly, in line with Mexico's commitment to imposing the sanctions established by the Security Council, an agreement was issued whereby the general

public would be made aware of the individuals and entities listed by the Security Council pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and subsequent resolutions through the publication of the lists in the Official Gazette of the Federation so that, in addition to the aforementioned mechanisms, persons or entities within national territory do not provide funds or other assets or otherwise benefit listed persons or entities.

According to information provided by the Directorate General of Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as at 2012, there were seven accredited diplomats of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Mexico. That number decreased from seven to five and the number of staff at the embassy has not increased since 2016, in accordance with Security Council resolution 2321 (2016). Diplomats receive their salary through a single bank account, into which value-added tax reimbursement to the embassy and its staff is deposited.

The National Immigration Institute added the names of the persons listed in the annex to resolution 221 (2016) to national immigration alerts to prevent the entry or transit of those individuals into or through the Mexican territory.

The Directorate General for Firearms Registration and Explosives Control of the Ministry of Defence licenses imports and exports of the materials regulated by the Federal Act on Firearms and Explosives, including dual-use materials and machinery, in accordance with the tariff actions outlined in the agreement establishing the classification and codification of goods whose import or export is subject to regulation by the Ministry of Defence. This agreement has been amended to ensure that the import and export procedures of the Ministry of Defence comply with the restrictions contained in Security Council resolution 2321 (2016).

The Foreign Trade Commission received for its consideration the draft amendment to the agreement banning the export or import of various goods to and from listed countries, entities and individuals (embargoes agreement published on 29 November 2012), in order to bring it into line with the extended measures imposed by the Security Council against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea related to the import or export of the materials listed in Security Council resolution 2321 (2016).